

**REMARKS**

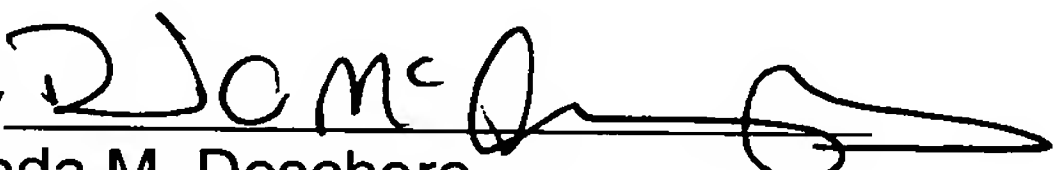
Claims 1 through 10 remain pending in the present application. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims to reduce filing costs and place the application in conformity with U.S. practice. No new matter has been added. As such, the amendments should not be considered as narrowing the scope of protection sought by Applicant.

Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 5703-000015/US/NP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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